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USE OF FORCE REPORT
May 01, 2021 – May 31, 2021

Total Number of Incidents for 5/1/21 – 5/31/21 – 2,001 Incidents

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 21

Total Uses of Force – 57

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – 1.0%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male - 9

White Male – 11

White Female - 5

Incidents

21BU005748 – Agency Assist to Colchester PD/Shooting

Complainant / Officers Dispatched

B Area

Colchester PD had a BOL (Be on the lookout) for a motor vehicle involved in a shooting in Colchester. Burlington Police located the vehicle and Colchester PD advised they wanted the vehicle stopped for investigative purposes. Burlington Police Officer stopped the vehicle and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop per training due to the possibility of a firearm being present in the vehicle. The subject was called out of the vehicle and two officers pointed their firearms at the subject until they were taken into custody and handcuffed. Colchester PD was then notified.

White Female Age 34, 5'06" 160 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing/Verbal Direction

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing/Verbal Direction

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

21BU005942 – Disturbance



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Complainant / Officers Dispatched
C Area

Caller stated that a GMT bus driver was having an issue with a group of 3 intoxicated subjects and then stated the 3 males were fighting each other. Arriving officers observed 2 of the subjects speaking to GMT staff. One of the males yelled "bitch" and stepped forward aggressively towards the bus driver. The officer feared that the male was going to assault the bus driver and stepped in between them and pushed the subject back with two hands and stated "Get back". The subject complied.

Black Male Age 30, 5'08", 160 lbs.

1 Officers
Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/ Verbal Direction

Subject – no injury
Officer – no injury

21BU006199 – Arrest DUI

Complainant / Officer Dispatched
C Area

Officer responded to multiple 911 calls for a motor vehicles involved in a crash. An operator of one of the vehicles was arrested for suspicion of operating a motor vehicle under the influence. The subject was taken into custody without incident. During the transport to the Burlington Police Department the arrestee became verbally abusive towards the officer and was manipulating his hand-cuffed hands behind his back. Upon arrival at the station the officer, concerned about the aggressive behavior of the arrestee and the manipulation of the handcuffs, had two other officers stand by while he removed the arrestee's handcuffs. One handcuff was removed but the arrestee refused to follow the officers' verbal direction to place his uncuffed hand on his head. The arrestee attempted to turn and face the officer. At that juncture the officer decided to place the arrestee back into handcuffs to prevent an assault. The arrestee violently resisted these efforts. All three officers were need to place the male back into handcuffs using wrist locks and non-compliant handcuffing.

White Male Age 35, 5'07", 172 lbs.



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3 Officers

Officer 1 – rear wrist lock

Officer 2 – rear wrist lock

Officer 3 – rear wrist lock

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF – injuries were from MV crash and IV drug use.

21BU006403 – Threats and Harassment

Officer Generated Complaint

E Area

While assisting another officer on a separate investigation, the officer was approached by a male subject known to officers. The subject made a gesture with his hand as a gun and pulling a trigger. The Officer knew the subject to do this whenever he observed this officer. The officer attempted to pull out onto the road but traffic held them up. The male then ran up and struck the driver's side door and window with his hands. The subject then yelled for the officer to step out of the cruiser and fight him. The officer drew his CEW in the event he did have to exit his vehicle but did not point it at subject. The officer was able to pull out onto the roadway and leave the scene without further interaction with the male.

Black Male Age 26, 5'10", 180 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – CEW displayed

Officer -uninjured

Subject – uninjured

21BU006481 – Arrest/Operating without owner's consent/Violations of Conditions of release

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

D Area

Complainant called after their car was stolen when they ran into a store leaving the keys in the car. An officer located the motor vehicle and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop per



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training. While calling out the operator/arrestee officers pointed their firearms at the arrestee as the arrestee was called from the stolen vehicle back to the officers. The arrestee was taken into custody without incident.

White Female Age 41, 5'05", 160 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU006488 – Arrest Felony Burglary/Simple Assault/Possession of Cocaine

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

C Area

Complaint called dispatch stating two unknown males had broken into his apartment and assaulted him, punching him in the face. Caller described them as two black males, early twenties, both wearing shorts, one in a gray hoodie and the other in a black hoodie. Officers responded to the area and a K9 track was started and tracked to a motor vehicle parked nearby with two males matching the description of the suspects. As officers approached the vehicle they observed a third male running towards the vehicle. Upon seeing the police approaching the car, that male veered off into the tree line and out of sight of the officers. The male passenger of the car was observed reaching into the area of the center console of the vehicle. Officer feared he was reaching for a weapon and drew their firearms. That male also did not follow commands from officers at first but officers were able to talk to him and get him to comply. When he exited the officers noted he was highly intoxicated. The officers were able to safely call the two males from the vehicle and place them in handcuffs without further incident. The third male who ran from officers was located underneath a parked vehicle near the first vehicle. Officers could see an object in his hand but could not make out what exactly it was. Officers drew and pointed their firearms at the male and gave him verbal commands to exit from underneath the vehicle. An officer was able to grasp his left arm and help the male exit from under the vehicle where he was placed into handcuffs. The object in his hand was a cellphone. This male was identified, by the complainant, as the one who assaulted him.



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Black Male Age 20, 5'08", 180 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 5'10" 130 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 5'05" 128 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Firearm displayed/CEW displayed

Officers – uninjured

Subjects – uninjured; intoxicated male transported to UVMHC due to his level of intoxication

21BU006592 – Robbery / Simple Assault on a Police Officer

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

C Area

Complainants / employees of a convenience store called stating a teenage male was loitering in the store, acting suspiciously. He displayed a wallet, and callers stated "something bad is going to happen." A knife was observed, as well. The male asked them for Vape pens and stuff, in fear, handed him a large quantity (value \$808). The male placed them into a bag he brought into the store and left the store without paying for them. While officers canvassed the area for the male, a woman called dispatch and reported that her son had come home with a bag full of vapes he had stolen from a convenience store. Two officers responded and met with the mother before making contact with juvenile. She reported that her son had left the house with a wallet and detachable scissors and then had come home with a bag full of vapes. The officers accompanied the mother up a narrow, steep flight of stairs to the juvenile's bedroom. For more than ten minutes, the officers and mother negotiated with the juvenile to turn over the property. While officers stood back, the mother recovered an amount of stolen property from a drawer, and then attempted to recover one last item from the juvenile's person; the juvenile resisted his mother's attempts. The two officers then approached; one held the juvenile while the other opened the juvenile's hand and removed the property. The two officers disengaged, at which point the juvenile assaulted the two officers with his fists. The officers placed the juvenile in handcuffs. The juvenile was non-compliant and experienced a behavioral emergency, including screaming, biting, spitting, and violently struggling. The outburst



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prevented officers from being able to escort him from the home, and ultimately continued for approximately 20 minutes. A supervisor was called and arrived and attempted to deescalate the juvenile but was unsuccessful. A neighbor who mentors the juvenile arrived and attempted to calm the juvenile but was unsuccessful. The Burlington Fire Department was called and, in consultation with the mother and under a physician's order, employed a medical intervention to calm the juvenile and then transported him to UVMHC ER. The criminal case has been referred to the CJC.

Black Male Age 14, 5'00", 230 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/verbal commands

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/verbal commands

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured; paramedic intervention and transport to UVMHC ER

21BU006640 – Felony Unlawful Trespass/Mental Health

Complainant / Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complainant after waking up, at 0549 AM, to a completely naked male standing over her as she was in bed. The male had left the residence at the time of her call. Approximately 2 minutes after her call Officers located the subject nearby and took him into custody, compliantly handcuffing him without incident. While investigating the incident a second officer remained with suspect. Due to his lack of clothes and the air temperature the officer attempted to get the male to sit in the back of a cruiser to stay warm. The male was uncommunicative and sat down on the ground. While on the ground the suspect swayed back and forth. Knowing that it is harder to keep your balance even seated while handcuffed the officer placed his hands on the suspects shoulder to prevent him from falling over and injuring himself. The suspect eventually relaxed and leaned back against the officer's shins. Officers were able to determine through their investigation the suspects name and that he was autistic. The officers spoke with complainant and explained the situations. The subject was not charged and released to family members.



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White Male Age 16, 6'00", 150 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – empty hand controls – hands on shoulders

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

21BU006767 – Felony Unlawful Mischief (Vandalism)

Officer Initiated

B Area

BPD officer in the Uniformed Bureau parking lot observed a male walking through the lot, drop a backpack in front of her cruiser and bend down towards where the backpack dropped. The officer exited their vehicle and asked the male "is there something I can help you with" The male turned towards her with an object in his hand. The officer immediately created distance, fearing a weapon in his hand and called for more units. The officer then observed the arrestee throwing a large rock (roughly cantaloupe-sized) into multiple police cruiser windshields. The officer drew her CEW and gave the arrestee orders to drop the rock and get on the ground. The rock ended up on the ground so the officer did not deploy her CEW. Two other officers arrived. One officer drew his firearm and provided lethal cover per training; the other officer drew his CEW. After a third command the arrestee got onto his knees and was taken into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 32, 5'08", 200 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW displayed/Warned

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – CEW displayed/Warned

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU006833 – Arrest – Impeding a Public Officer

Medical Call / Officers Dispatched



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B Area

Burlington Police officers were performing CPR on a male at an address waiting for BFD personnel to arrive. The arrestee was also on scene in the apartment and initially gave a false name, claimed he lived there, and falsely claimed to be the son of the medical subject. The male was disruptive while BPD officers performed CPR on the male and continually interfered with BFD members while they attempted to perform lifesaving measures. The medical subject did not survive and was declared deceased by BFD. BPD officers took over the scene and began to conduct a death investigation. The arrestee continued to interfere with officer's investigation and refused to answer any questions. The arrestee grew more combative, at one point attempting to take evidence from an officer's hand, and refused to leave when asked multiple times to do so. Officer attempted to compliantly walk arrestee out of the residence. The arrestee actively resisted, dropping his weight to the ground and refused to comply with orders, tucking his arms, not placing his hands behind his back. It took five officers to place him in handcuffs and take him into custody.

White Male Age 35, 6'01", 185 lbs.

5 Officer

Officer 1 – other force/ held legs down

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/arm bar take down

Officer 3 – empty hand controls/arm bar take down

Officer 4 – other force used

Officer 5 – empty hand controls/verbal commands

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU006852 – Robbery

Complainant / Officers Dispatched

E Area

Complainant working at convenience store called stating he was robbed at knife point by a male subject. The first arriving officer observed a motor vehicle parked in the lot facing the exit. The officer activated blue lights and pulled up behind the vehicle. Because a weapon was reported to be involved, the officer drew his firearm and waited for more officers before



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making contact with the operator. Two more officers arrived on scene, exited their cruisers, and set up for a high-risk motor vehicle stop. The suspect's vehicle drove towards the exit. Officers yelled for the vehicle to stop with their firearm pointed at the vehicle. The vehicle stopped and the female operator was safely removed from the vehicle and detained.

Another officer observed a male on the street near the store and went out with him. Because of the presence of a weapon in the robbery the officer gave orders to walk backwards towards him. The officer could hear the male mumbling to himself and speaking nonsensically. The officer drew his firearm and pointed it at the male as he had the male move backwards to him. A second officer arrived on scene and placed the male in handcuffs. The officer holstered his firearm once male was in custody.

White Female Age 25, 5'0", 180 lbs.

White Male Age 35, 6'02", 160 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Subjects – uninjured

21BU006867 – Felony Aggravated Assault/Leaving the Scene of an Accident/ Gross Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

E Area

Complainant called stating his vehicle was struck by another vehicle and the operator drove off. A separate officer was in a parking garage investigating a separate incident when he observed the arrestee, whom he knows through prior law enforcement encounters, driving the vehicle that was wanted for the leaving the scene of an accident. The arrestee is well known to law enforcement due to his enormous size, mixed martial arts training, violent incidents, and mental health issues. The officer stopped the arrestee and attempted to speak with him. The arrestee exited his vehicle and started to approach the officer. Officer ordered the arrestee to stop and asked if he had a weapons on him as he was known to carry a knife. The arrestee



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stated he had a tool. When asked what the tool was, arrestee stated it was a sharp tool. The officer told him not to touch it, and he complied. The officer informed the male that he was under arrest for aggravated assault and LSA. The officer ordered him to his knees and the arrestee did not comply. A second officer on scene drew his CEW and pointed at the arrestee. After several more commands the arrestee complied and was taken into custody without further incident.

White Male Age 33, 6'06", 320 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW pointed

Officer – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU006986 – Incapacitated Subject/Protective Custody

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

D Area

Complainant called stating there was a female passed out on the sidewalk. The subject is well known to BPD Officers with an extensive number of law-enforcement encounters and is known to be assaultive towards law-enforcement officers. The female was standing upon arrival. The officer observed that she was incapacitated (a danger to herself and/or others). The officer explained to the female that she was not under arrest but being placed into protective custody. The female actively resisted being taken into protective custody. The officer brought her to the ground and waited for a second officer to arrive to safely complete taking her into custody. The second officer had to pull the female's arm out from under her to get that hand in handcuffs. Due to her level of intoxication she was transported to UVMHC ER to be medically screened.

White Female Age 52, 5'02", 144 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal direction/empty hand controls – arm bar takedown

Officer 2 – other techniques – hidden arm technique

Officers – uninjured



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Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007106 - Suspicious

Complainant / Officers Dispatched

E Area

Complainant called stating there was an open door at his neighbor's house. Upon arrival officer went to the open door, knocked and announced himself as police. No one responded after several attempts. Other officers arrived and set up a perimeter and prepared to enter the residence for protective sweep. Officer had his weapon out displayed. The officer observed a male moving around inside the residence and held his firearm at the high-ready position and advised the male to show his hands. The male complied with the officer's request and identified himself as the resident of the property. The officer holstered his firearm and made contact with the male who was confirmed to be the resident. The resident had been out in his backyard and did not hear the officers.

White Male Age 39, 5'07", 130 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal direction/firearm displayed

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

21BU007110 – Felony Aggravated Assault

Officers Initiated

D Area

Officer observed two males one pursuing the other. The pursuing male appeared to have a weapon in his hand. The officer aired what he had observed and that there was a weapon involved. The officer exited his cruiser and pursued the two males. After a brief foot pursuit the officer drew his firearm and identified himself as a police officer and ordered them to both to stop. The pursuing male stopped and complied; the second male continued to run. The officer ordered the stopped male to drop the weapon then observed it to be a large silver spatula. This male had the tip jar stolen from his place of business, by the still running male, and had pursued him with the spatula still in his hand.



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Hearing the broadcast on the radio, a second officer was able to get in front of the still running male. Due to the mention of a weapon the officer drew his firearm and pointed at the male ordering him to stop. The male complied but held his hand behind his back. The officer ordered the male to show his hand, the male complied revealing an empty hand. The officer holstered his firearm. The male began to walk aggressively towards the officer displaying pre-assaultive clues, taking off his shirt, throwing it down, removing a necklace and wrapping it around his knuckles, and pacing back and forth. The officer drew and displayed his CEW. A second officer arrived and the two officers were able to take the arrestee into custody without further incident. While at the Burlington Police Department the male started to fight with two officers while they were taking him out of handcuffs. The officers had to place his arms back behind his back to apply the handcuffs again as it was deemed too dangerous to have him out of handcuffs.

Arrestee White Male Age 38, 6'01", 160 lbs.

White Male Age 30, 5'09", 150 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed/ CEW displayed/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007122 – Arrest DUI

Complainant / Officers Dispatched

C Area

Complainant called after observing a motor vehicle crash into several dumpsters. The caller was able to give a license plate number, vehicle description, street, and direction of travel. The caller also stated that there was a female passed out in the passenger seat. Officer caught up to the vehicle after it crashed a second time disabling the vehicle. The first officer on scene was pointed toward the arrestee by witness. The arrestee attempted to pick up his passed out passenger off the ground and leave and the officer attempted to stop him. The officer then struggled with the male. A second responding officer arrived on scene and assisted the first



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officer in bringing the male to the ground to control him. Once on the ground the male was placed into handcuffs and taken into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 21, 6'06", 190 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/arm bar takedown

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/arm bar takedown/ground cuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007160 – Felony Vandalism/Simple Assault with bodily fluids on a Police Officer/Violation of Court Orders

Complainants / Officers Dispatched

B Area

Multiple complainants called regarding vandalism damage to vehicles. Officers located over 20 vehicles that had been damaged and a person of interest was identified (the same male who had damaged the windshields of six BPD cruisers earlier in the month). The arrestee was located, taken into custody, and transported to the Burlington Police Department. When the arrestee was removed from the cruiser in the Sally Port he lunged at an assisting officer and spat a large amount of mucus directly into her eyes. The arrestee shouted "You got what you deserved, you cunt" and "I'll spit on her again if she touches me". It was decided to place a spit hood on the arrestee. The officer who had been spit on had to brace the struggling arrestee up against the cruiser so the spit hood could be placed on him.

Black Male Age 32, 5'08", 200 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – other force used/hand placed on back to brace/hand placed on upper arm to brace

Officer – injured, transported to UVMHC ER

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007335 – Suicidal Female/Disturbance



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Complainant / Officers Dispatched
D Area

Multiple complainants called about female fighting with a male and/or possibly cutting herself. Upon arrival first officer could hear a female screaming behind a fence. Due to the nature of the call and the possibility of a weapon the officer drew his firearm. Officer made contact with subject and observed no weapon present. Officer holstered firearm without pointing it at subject. Officer observed only one old healing cut on subject. Subject refused to speak to officers, telling them to leave and refused all services.

White Female Age 30, 5'01", 130 lbs.

1 Officer
Officer 1 – Firearm displayed (not pointed)

Officer – uninjured
Subject – uninjured

21BU007396 – Domestic disturbance

Complainant / Officers Dispatched
E Area

Complainant called stating they could hear a physical domestic with a female crying and yelling "get off me". The arriving officer could hear loud screaming and crying from a male and female in the apartment. Officers attempted to make contact but no one would come to the door. The officer called out for the male to open the door. A male partially opened the door but would not show his hands. The officer, fearing the male had a weapon and with the female still yelling, drew his firearm and pointed it at the male telling the male to step out into the hallway. The male refused and shut the door. The male abruptly opened the door and started screaming at officers. The officer holstered his firearm and spoke with male which appeared to calm him down. The officers was able to establish a rapport with the male and finally was allowed into the apartment. Entering the apartment the officer observed a large butcher knife next to the door on a desk. Officers were able to discern that no crime had been committed and that it was a mental health issue.

White Male Age 29, 5'09", 172 lbs.



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1 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007519 – Arrest Assault on a Healthcare worker/Mental Health

Officer Initiated

C Area

Officers had brought arrestee to UVMMC ER on a warrant for an emergency mental health evaluation. The arrestee is well known to law enforcement due to his enormous size, mixed martial arts training, violent incidents, and mental health issues. The arrestee was placed in a room with a nurse and security guard standing outside. Officers were a short distance from the room and heard the sounds of a disturbance. Upon entering the room they found the nurse and security guard had both been assaulted and were both were slightly incapacitated. All four officers knowing the arrestee drew their CEW's. One Officer gave verbal commands to the arrestee to turn around and place his hands behind his back. The arrestee complied. Two officers holstered their CEW's and handcuffed the arrestee.

White Male Age 33, 6'06", 320 lbs.

4 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW pointed/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – CEW pointed

Officer 3 – CEW pointed

Officer 4 - CEW pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU007597 – Arrest Simple Assault

Complainant / Officer Responded

D Area



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Numerous 911 calls. Complainant stated he was assaulted by the arrestee who kicked him, choked him, and held a gun to his head. The victim knew the arrestee and shared this information with officers. An officer circulating the area located the arrestee hiding behind a bush nearby. Two other Officers arrived on scene. Based on the information regarding a firearm the officers drew their firearms. The first officer made contact with the arrestee and had him remove his hands from pockets and lay prone on the ground. The arrestee complied. One officer moved behind the bush and the found the arrestee prone with his hands above his head. The officer observed the male did not have a weapon in his hands and holstered her weapon. The last approaching officer holstered her weapon seeing the arrestee on the ground. One officer remained with his firearm out to provided cover until the male could be handcuffed and searched. One officer handcuffed the arrestee without incident. No firearm was located on the male nor in the area near where the male had been hiding.

White Male Age, 5'10", 170 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm displayed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Firearm displayed

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

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